



THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

World's Largest Registry of Pedigreed Cats

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. 2012 BREED COUNCIL POLL

SPHYNX

Breed Council Secretary: Dee Dee Cantley – La Habra CA

Total Members: 25

Ballots Received: 16

1. PROPOSED: Change GENERAL section:

Current:

GENERAL: the most distinctive feature of this cat is its appearance of hairlessness. The Sphynx is of medium size and body conformation with surprising weight for its size. Females are generally smaller than males. The body feels warm and soft to the touch, with a skin texture akin to either a soft peach or a smooth nectarine. The Sphynx is sweet-tempered, lively, and amenable to handling.

Proposed:

GENERAL: the most distinctive feature of this cat is its appearance of hairlessness, although Sphynx are not actually completely hairless cats and there should be some evidence of "hair" on the bridge of the nose and the ears. The Sphynx is of medium size and body conformation with surprising weight for its size. Females are generally smaller than males. The body feels warm and soft to the touch, with a skin texture akin to either a soft peach or a smooth nectarine. The Sphynx is sweet-tempered, lively, and amenable to handling.

RATIONALE: There are other “hairless” breeds not accepted in CFA that are truly hairless, they do not carry the same Canadian Sphynx genetics. These other mutations (i.e., Peterbald, DonSkoy) are being crossed with Sphynx to create “super hairless” breeds and being registered as Sphynx illegally. We need to make sure the judges understand that our cats DO have some type of coat and, while our coats can vary from very bald to velvety, even the baldest cats of our Canadian Sphynx still have some hint of hair on the bridge of the nose, ears and sometimes elsewhere.

STANDARD CHANGE (passes)

Votes: 15

60% of Voting: 9

YES: 14

NO: 1

ABSTAIN: 1

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